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REMARKS

This filing is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 31, 2005, noting that the status identifier "amended" is not acceptable shorthand for "currently amended."

As noted in the original Remarks, the July 1, 2005 Office Action found originally-filed claims 8-14 and 17-19 allowable in substance for their further recitation of "one or more supports restricting the range of motion of said manual slide to a linear path." The foregoing amendments incorporate the substance of that limitation into independent claim 1, and should thus render all claims allowable. The claims are also amended to delete the adjective "manual" that preceded "slide." This is to clarify that - although the slide operates directly in response to a manual force - it need not be directly manually accessible itself. For example, only a trigger portion is manually accessible in the depicted embodiment. (See, e.g., Figs. 3 & 5).

The Office is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if desired to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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